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IN RE: U.S.S.N. 09/518,165

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TITLE: METHOD FOR DETECTING
THE PRESENCE OF TARGET
BACTERIA OR A TARGET
COMPONENT
CARBOHYDRATE ANTIGEN
THEREOF

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PETITION FOR TWO
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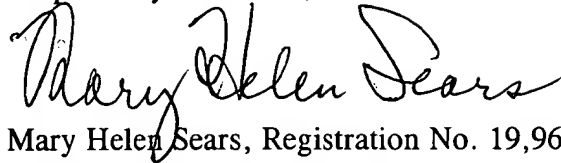
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Respectfully submitted,

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